**Little Ant on the Go**

*Book Reading at Sarkis and Siran Gabrellian Child Care and Learning Center*

On August 1, 2017, I did my first-ever book reading. It was at the Sarkis and Siran Gabrellian Child Care and Learning Center (CCLC) in Hackensack, NJ, one of the largest single site child care centers in the United States. Let’s just say, it turned out to be quite an adventure!

Much like my book, my reading was filled with excitement, wonder, anticipation and a little bit of fear. I have never been a big fan of public speaking, so you can imagine I was a bit nervous. Could I do this with as much grace and adventure as the little ant?

The answer was a resounding “yes”! Moments before my reading, I was met with an unexpected guest – a window washer who suction-cupped himself to the glass 10 feet above me, as my backdrop. His timing was impeccable and the scene, quite humorous! As the 20+ children filed into the atrium, they busted-out in surprised laughter as they saw the dangling man with his trusted squeegee. What an ice breaker! And the perfect opportunity to embrace life – in all its crazy, unexpected glory.

This exact message is at the heart of my book. The little ant finds himself in many sticky situations, but always makes it through by embracing (and enjoying!) all that life has to offer. It was time for me to do the same.

From that moment on, my reading went off without a hitch. The children were so much fun! They shared their own stories of fishing and their love of bakeries and cupcakes. I couldn’t have asked for a better audience. They really connected to my story and to the meaning behind it. They saw the wonder in everyday experiences, searched for new adventures and best of all, they truly enjoyed life!

I’d like to thank the CCLC for hosting such an incredible first-time book reading. Everyone was so welcoming, and eager to join me on this exciting new journey. They reminded me to put down the fear and embrace the fun – and together, we shared an amazing adventure!

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